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Indiana Program of Library Legislation 1949

State Aid for Public Libraries of Indiana

The proposed bill seeks to create a state aid fund through an appropriation of \$500,000 for each of the next two years from which grants would be made to aid existing public libraries and to extend service to unserved areas.

Strengthening the Indiana State Library

- A. Increased appropriation to provide more adequate staff and salaries.
- B. Special Appropriation for an Archives Building and Central Book Repository.

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THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

The Indiana State Library was created in 1825. Since 1925 control of the library has been vested in the Indiana Library and Historical Board. In 1933 the library moved into its present quarters, the State Library and Historical Building, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4.

Originally created for the use of state officials, the library since 1903 has served the entire state through loans to other libraries and direct loans to individuals in areas without local library service. In 1925 the State Library absorbed the Public Library Commission and has since served as the library extension agency of the state.

It is a depository for federal documents and for books in braille and talking book records. Its special collections include materials for genealogical research, the state archives, Indiana newspapers, and all types of material relating to Indiana.

Two other libraries are also housed in the same building: the Indiana Academy of Science library and the William Henry Smith Memorial Library of the Indiana Historical Society.

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INDIANA'S PROGRAM OF ACTION

A report of the joint I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Library Action Committee, presented at the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Conference, October 29, 1948.

At the beginning of the year, the Indiana Library Action Committee decided to approach its work in a five-fold manner. First the problems of Indiana libraries were carefully studied and specific goals were set for librarians and trustees which would better library service in Indiana.

Committee Studies Goals

The second step was research on each of these goals. This was done through individual research by members of the committee and by the staff of the Extension Division of the State Library, resulting in reports to the group; through statistics and charts which were compiled; and through correlating the work of the Indiana Action Committee with A. L. A. National Plan for Public Library Service.

Reports on Findings

The third step was presenting these findings along with suggestions for action to the librarians and trustees. This was accomplished at the 1948 district meetings, where a report of the Action Committee was given, by charts and statistics, and by letters urging action be taken by the board members and librarians.

The fourth step was the execution of a major project identified with one of the goals, namely "trustee participation." The committee prepared and now presents in conjunction with this report *The Indiana Library Trustee's Own Manual*, which is referred to more fully below.

Our fifth step is to recommend goals for 1949 which will improve library service in Indiana.

In this report we wish to give a review of the goals, the findings that were made, the action taken, and the recommendations for 1949.

Federation of Libraries

An excellent study of the federation plan was presented to the committee by one of the members. This was used as a basis of study; a copy is attached to this report. Two areas are now working on plans for federation and their problems were studied. The Indiana library situation was reviewed carefully and the possibility of new county libraries ascertained. It was discovered that skepticism on the part of larger libraries and fear on the part of the smaller libraries must be overcome. At district meetings a summary was presented of the study of federation and also of the advantages of county and regional libraries. All were urged to study carefully their local situations for possible consolidation which would improve service, either by the county or regional plan or by the federation plan. *We recommend that all libraries consider the larger unit of service very seriously, and that all view the situation impartially and realize that all would benefit—both large and small libraries.*

Amendment to the Library Law of 1947

After reports of confusion in the interpretation of the Library Law of 1947, it was

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at first decided to consider clarifying some points of uncertainty and to recommend legislation. Following the decision of the joint executive boards against amendment of the law the Action Committee urged libraries to act under the present law. *We recommend continued study of interpretations of the law to determine whether any amendments are necessary.*

Financial Support of Libraries

In the study of library support, the committee examined many charts and statistics. Comparisons with other states were also made and the American Library Association recommendations were analyzed in the light of Indiana facts. The most important and enlightening of the statistics were chosen and presented to the librarians and trustees at the district meetings by map and charts and tables of statistics. They were also explained more fully by a member of the committee. Later in the year a budget letter was sent to every library and board president urging that the library budgets be carefully prepared, with provision for adequate income, and that budgets be supported fully by the trustees when presented to the tax adjustment boards.

A study has also been made which shows that 89 of the 239 tax supported libraries in the state receive less than 75 cents per capita. Of this number 48 have a per capita income of 60 cents or more, indicating they may be brought quickly to the 75 cents level; 41 of the group have a per capita income of less than 60 cents. *We recommend that the Association set as a goal for 1949-50 the attainment of 75 cents per capita by*

one-half of the libraries which are now under this figure.

State Aid

After studying the Indiana situation and the findings of other states, the committee decided state aid is essential to supplement local support. At district meetings this was discussed and many librarians and trustees voiced an interest in a state aid plan.

We recommend that state aid legislation must be secured and refer the membership to the work of the Legislative Committee.

Federal Aid

In line with the findings of the A. L. A. National Plan for Public Library Service the committee recognizes the need for federal aid to supplement state aid, particularly for demonstration purposes, and *recommends that the Association reaffirm its support of the federal Library Demonstration Bill.*

Training

The committee studied, and recognized the forward step in the new Indiana University training program for librarians. This was brought to the attention of members, and librarians were urged to acquaint college students with this opportunity for beginning training. *We recommend that an accredited library school should be established at Indiana University as soon as adequate facilities and support can be assured.*

Recruiting

The dire need for librarians was quickly recognized by the committee. An estimate was attempted to judge the present shortage and known future needs.

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At district meetings scrapbooks containing recruiting material from many different sources were exhibited. The committee members also urged librarians to recruit new members into the profession by every possible means. *We recommend an intensive program for recruiting to be carried on co-operatively by all libraries and all library organizations in the state.*

Certification

The Action Committee recommends the work of the Certification Board, which is doing its work well in spite of many handicaps. After studying the findings of the Certification Board *we recommend a simplification of the plan and urge a fuller compliance with the requirements by boards and library administrators.*

Salaries

A very careful review was made of the salary situation in Indiana. The recommendations of the American Library Association were also studied. The committee recognized that salaries are dangerously low in Indiana and that, to retain staff members and obtain new ones, higher salaries must be offered, but that salaries must always be related to the training and competence of the staff and to the quality and effectiveness of service.

A schedule of salaries was prepared and presented at all the district meetings. The schedule was very enlightening and covered the various sized libraries in the state. Librarians were urged, along with their board members, to take these schedules back with them and study their local situations in comparison with libraries of similar size in Indiana. *We recommend a reaffirmation by*

the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association of their salary policy resolution of November 22, 1946 and its relation to the American Library Association salary policy statements of June, 1946 and January, 1948.

We recommend that each library set as a goal for 1949 an improvement of salaries to meet the needs of the staff and to maintain high standards of competence and service.

Retirement

The committee recognized the importance of provision for retirement as a measure for the security of the staff and as sound administrative policy. The solution of this problem is available through the Indiana Public Employees Retirement Fund which Indiana libraries had such a large part in establishing.

The committee recommends that all libraries not already affiliated take action in 1949 to participate in the plan.

Buildings

When inquiries were made of Indiana libraries it was found that many were in serious need of repair or improvement. High on the list of most libraries was the need for better lighting and more space. The books and pamphlets available on these and other building problems were discussed by the committee. These were on display at the district meetings.

The committee recommends for 1949 that libraries make a concerted effort to make their buildings more attractive and more serviceable to the public, recognizing at the same time the need for useful planning in

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view of the extreme costs of any building or repair under existing conditions.

Trustee Participation

The committee after much discussion concluded that trustees were sometimes handicapped in discharging their responsibilities and duties. This was caused, not so much by lack of interest or indifference, but by difficulty in securing useful information that would acquaint them with their duties and responsibilities, and equip them to give better service to their community. Though there is printed material available for library trustees, much of it is scattered and some of it is not pertinent to Indiana libraries. The two trustee members of this committee undertook to read and digest all the material; all members of the committee helped to outline the important subjects which they thought would be helpful to both present and future Indiana library trustees. After a great deal of work on the part of the trustee members of the committee particularly, a manual has been prepared for Indiana library trustees which will give them a very clear picture of their duties. It includes relationships toward librarian and staff, the basis of judging good library service, buildings, and organization, and many other helpful aids. *We recommend that this manual be approved by the executive boards with the permission of their respective associations, and that copies of this manual be made available to all trustees.*

Strengthening of the State Library

On examination by the committee the Indiana State Library was found to be working under handicaps similar to those con-

fronting so many libraries today—shortage of personnel due chiefly to low salaries, inadequate housing, and insufficient budget. The committee discussed ways by which the situation might be improved in order to strengthen our State Library. The need for expansion of field services was recognized especially. The provision of space to make possible the establishment of the proposed Central Book Repository was considered of primary importance to all libraries of the state, in line with their expressed views on this matter. At the district meetings all present were urged to support their State Library to the fullest extent—to support the budget of that library as they want their own budgets supported by their patrons; to acquaint themselves with the problems of the Indiana State Library and to aid in any other manner possible.

We recommend that the associations support an increased appropriation for the Indiana State Library for more adequate staff, salaries and services; also a special appropriation for the proposed Archives Building and Central Book Repository. These financial provisions for the State Library are urgently needed and should have the full backing and support of the I.L.A. and the I.L.T.A.

Future Action Program

The foregoing report indicates that the committee has concentrated primarily on the field of public library service. This has seemed justifiable as a means of making the most of one year's efforts by a volunteer group as originally constituted. The committee recognizes, however, that library planning and action for Indiana must have the same concern for all kinds of library de-

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velopment—school libraries, college and university libraries and special libraries as well as public libraries—and that every librarian and friend of libraries must aid in the development of all types of library service. The committee therefore *recommends that steps be taken by I.L.A. and I.L.T.A. to expand its action program to embrace all types of library service, and that further steps be taken to implement goals and to give continuous promotion to the attainment of objectives.*

The committee feels that concerted action by our two associations in support of the foregoing recommendations and goals will result in raising our standards of library service and make Indiana an outstanding library state.

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A 14-point proposal for the organization of a federated library project, appended to the report, is as follows:

- (1) Plan of cooperation established by formal agreement of library boards of federated libraries.
- (2) Complete coverage assured through service to all townships from municipality, according to the usual Indiana plan.
- (3) Council of library executives for coordination and direction of the project. (Monthly meetings suggested, with one or two meetings a year with all library trustees.)
- (4) Joint book selection program, with following elements (and others):
 - a. Sponsorship for specialization in particular subjects.
 - b. Planned program for reference holdings, including business services, directories, etc.
 - c. Periodical holdings (especially bound sets.)
 - d. Documents (federal and state).
 - e. Expensive books (say, \$6 or more).
 - f. Joint book review meetings.
- (5) Central pool of important non-fiction.
- (6) Centralizing book buying (or, at very least, joint bidding on discount rates for all libraries.)
- (7) Centralizing cataloging (partial union catalog through checking of standard catalogs, etc.)
- (8) Integrated system of reference service.
- (9) Joint adult education service, with special personnel, including
 - a. Service to population groups.
 - b. Collection (jointly owned) of audio-visual materials.
 - c. Booklists and publicity stories.
 - d. Book talks (staff members of all libraries participating in all communities).
 - e. Readers' advisory service.
- (10) Children's service (especially to libraries without children's librarians.)
- (11) Complete reciprocity in circulation. (Any reader in any town may use any library in federated group.)
- (12) Beginning of joint storage of little-used books. (Different libraries to be responsible for last copies of older fiction and non-fiction.)
- (13) Joint bookmobile service, if needed.
- (14) State assistance in financing of project.

MID-WINTER MEETING

The American Library Association Mid-winter Conference will be held January 20-23 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. The Fourth Activities Committee under the chairmanship of Ralph Shaw, librarian of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Library, expects to present its final report on the reorganization of the A.L.A. to the A.L.A. Council at that time.

I. L. A.-I. L. T. A. CONFERENCE

More than 400 librarians and trustees gathered in Indianapolis October 28, 29 and 30 for the 57th annual conference of the Indiana Library Association and the 40th conference of the Indiana Library Trustees Association at the Hotel Lincoln.

Business meetings of the two associations, round tables, luncheons and three general sessions with guest speakers were held during the three-day conference. Alumni of library schools of the University of Illinois and Michigan and Columbia universities sponsored informal breakfasts on Saturday morning.

Wells Addresses Banquet

An outstanding feature of the conference program was the address given by Dr. Herman B Wells, president of Indiana University, at the banquet Thursday evening. In presenting "Our Cultural Stake in Germany," Dr. Wells described the work of British and American occupation forces in salvaging European art objects and museum materials. He praised the Fine Arts Division of the U. S. Army for the splendid service that unit has rendered in locating and preserving looted treasures both during World War II and after.

Scholars Aid Army in Art Salvage

"Scholars and librarians," Dr. Wells said, "became the cultural conscience of our government." The willingness of our army to accept the advice of experts in cultural fields is an encouraging indication of the American recognition of the value of the cultural heritage of world civilization.

The Nazis were the most thorough looters

ever to ravage Europe, according to Dr. Wells. Many of the art objects taken by the Germans from occupied countries have been located in Germany and returned to their proper owners by the American forces. One of the greatest tasks in the restoration program in the American zone of Germany has been to discover the hiding places of the German loot. Although not too much definite information is available, it is believed that the Soviets have removed into Russia many of the best treasures and paintings from the Russian zone.

Libraries and Museums Damaged

German libraries and museums suffered greatly from the bombings, as did cathedrals and public buildings in Berlin and in other cities. The actual destruction of German archival material and art objects was not as great as one might expect because many documents and books as well as paintings and statuary had been evacuated and stored. Some priceless documents and rare volumes, however, became scattered and lost.

German Libraries Lack Personnel

In answer to the question, how soon can German libraries again be used, Dr. Wells indicated that much depends upon the personnel available. Many museum curators, librarians and faculty members of universities in the American zone were Nazis and cannot return to their former positions. Others are now old men.

If reorganization continues at its present rate and if libraries and museums can be adequately staffed, scholars should be able to

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study in Germany within the next two or three years. Some scholars are even now beginning to engage in research and study in the universities which were not greatly damaged. The Prussian State Library is still useable, the Frankfurt library is operating and Berlin and Heidelberg universities suffered little damage. Generally speaking, the rehabilitation of German educational and cultural institutions will depend upon the political and economic rehabilitation of the German nation as a whole.

Preceding Dr. Wells' address, the Indianapolis Saenger Chorus under the direction of Ernest W. Schneider, sang a group of German folk songs. Robert A. Miller, I.L.A. president-elect, presided at the banquet and presented the annual trustee citation to Mrs. Ralph Burris, Washington Public Library trustee.

Riker Compares Librarians, Booksellers

Ben H. Riker, manager of L. S. Ayres Book Store, Indianapolis, was the principal speaker at the first general session Thursday afternoon. Mr. Riker talked informally about his recently published book, *Pony Wagon Town*, and about the relationship between the public library and the bookstore.

Cory Represents A.L.A.

John Mackenzie Cory, A.L.A. Executive Secretary, spoke briefly at the Thursday afternoon meeting. He stated that financial considerations make it necessary for the A.L.A. Headquarters to concentrate the area of its activity. The Association expects to adopt as its major program the promotion of library development and extension as recommended by the A.L.A. Committee on National Plans.

A proposal for joint membership in I.L.A. and A.L.A. was presented by Harold F. Brigham, director of the Indiana State Library. This proposal is in line with the preliminary recommendation of the A.L.A. Fourth Activities Committee regarding state associations in its tentative plan for decentralization of the A.L.A.. The joint membership proposal would provide for one dues covering both memberships which would be the regular A.L.A. dues at \$3, \$6, or \$10, according to salary. The dues would be collected by I.L.A. Of this amount, \$1.50 would be retained by I.L.A. and the balance forwarded to A.L.A. for the operation of the Association.

Joint A.L.A.-I.L.A. Membership

Mr. Brigham pointed out that joint membership would strengthen the Indiana association. I.L.A., while enjoying the benefits of national affiliation, would be autonomous in matters relating to the state. Adoption of this proposal would depend upon action taken by the A.L.A. regarding the Fourth Activities Committee report.

Heyliger Speaks on Writing and Living

"Writing and Living" was the subject of an address by William Heyliger, author and publisher, at the general session Friday evening. Speaking from his own experiences, Mr. Heyliger told how books are created and come into being. "Creative writing," he said, "is a lonely but deeply satisfying experience." His young readers are his best critics, he asserted, and the letters of praise he receives from boys are particularly rewarding.

Mr. Heyliger related numerous incidents of his career and described his struggles as

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a young man to make a living first as a writer of short stories and later of novels for boys. His career stories for boys were written always from firsthand observation and from study of the places and people which would appear in the book.

The latter part of Mr. Heyliger's talk concerned his present work as editor of the Westminster press. He stressed the importance of loyalty and cooperation between authors and their publishers and emphasized the assistance and encouragement a publisher can give to young writers. He mentioned some of the recent Junior Literary Guild selections his firm has published as examples of joint accomplishments of author and publisher.

Evelyn Sickels, supervisor of children's work, Indianapolis Public Library, introduced Mr. Heyliger. Music was furnished by Ida Mae Good, Indianapolis Public Library, contralto, accompanied by Anna Mary Hinton. Mrs. Florence Schad, director-at-large, I.L.A., representing the Indiana School Librarians Association, presided.

Business Meetings

Reports of I.L.A. committees were given at the I.L.A. business meeting Friday morning and again Friday afternoon at the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. joint meeting. Ruth A. Bean, I.L.A. president, presided at both sessions. These reports were assembled in a mimeographed form and distributed at the Conference. Copies have been sent by the State Library to those libraries which did not secure them at that time.

Margaret Helfrick, I.L.A. treasurer, gave the financial report for the past year and also announced that the 1948 membership

had reached 645. The complete financial report will be printed in *Focus*.

Mary Jo Woods, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, summarized the activities of the exhibits, news release, radio and contact sub-committees during the year.

Mrs. Alberta Lockwood, chairman of the Small Libraries Committee, reported on the survey which that group had made of the 108 libraries serving a population of 3,000 or under. She presented two resolutions to the Association on behalf of her committee; first, that all librarians in the small library group be certified, and second, that all certified librarians of small libraries receive an adequate hourly wage for part time work, and a living yearly wage for full time work.

The Trustee Citation Committee, under the chairmanship of Lois M. Ringo, recommended the purchase of an appropriate plaque to be inscribed with the names of trustees who have been cited in the past and with space to add those to be cited in the future.

Scholarship Fund Suggested

In reporting on the financial status of the Student Loan Fund, Aileen Murdock, chairman, emphasized the need to put the money to use. In this connection the question of converting the loan fund to a scholarship fund was raised. The possibility of setting up a small scholarship fund in addition to the loan fund was suggested. A motion was made and carried that the \$100 scholarship appropriation be used as a scholarship grant and that it be turned over to the Loan Fund Committee to administer for a scholarship or scholarships; that the Loan Fund Committee be asked to make further study of schol-

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arships rather than loans, or in addition to loans, and that they be prepared to report at the next annual meeting with a change in the constitution if that seems desirable.

The joint I.L.A.-A.L.A. membership proposal, presented at the first general session Thursday, was discussed briefly. It was voted that the Association go on record as being vitally interested in the proposal of the American Library Association relative to the joint membership in the I.L.A. and A.L.A., and that it is prepared to cooperate as soon as the proposal is definite.

Officers Elected

Mrs. Gray Williams presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for 1948-49 which was accepted unanimously. New officers and executive board members are: president, Robert A. Miller, director of libraries, Indiana University; vice-president, Margaret A. Hager, librarian, LaPorte Public Library; secretary, Mary Jo Trolinger, librarian, Vincennes Public Library; treasurer, Lois M. Ringo, librarian, Anderson Public Library; director-at-large, Verna Grimm, librarian, American Legion Headquarters; Student Loan Fund Committee representative, Mary A. Holmes, librarian, Logansport Public Library; A.L.A. representatives, John H. Moriarty, director of libraries, Purdue University and Ruth A. Bean, assistant librarian, Evansville Public Library; alternates, Rex Potterf, librarian, Fort Wayne Public Library, and Wilma E. Reeve, assistant librarian, Indianapolis Public Library.

Legislative Proposal Approved

Reports given during the joint I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. business meeting Friday afternoon

included, legislation, action, federal relations and district meetings. Elsa Strassweg, Legislative committee chairman, presented the proposed state aid bill. It was voted that the bill be taken before the 1949 General Assembly and that the membership support this legislation.

Margaret Hager, chairman of the Library Action committee, read the report of that committee's findings and recommendations. The report is printed in full elsewhere in this issue.

The possibility of holding a one day I.L.A. business meeting at the A.L.A. regional conference in 1949 in lieu of an annual conference was discussed. The consensus of the meeting was that the three day annual conference of I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. be held next year as usual.

I. L. T. A. Business Meeting

The I.L.T.A. held its business meeting Friday morning with Mrs. W. H. Frazier, president, presiding. Officers and directors elected for 1948-49 are: president, Mrs. Frederick A. Borns, Gary; vice president, Mrs. Herbert C. Sears, Danville; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Albert H. Moeller, Columbia City; directors, Mrs. W. H. Frazier, Nashville, Mrs. F. G. Davidson, Crawfordsville, Mrs. Robert O. Bertsch, Cambridge City and Mrs. Albert E. Deupree, Bloomington.

Benson Urges Trustee Participation

Paul R. Benson, speaking as president of the A.L.A. Trustees Division, reported on the Trustee Division meetings at the A.L.A. Conference in Atlantic City this year and discussed some of the opportunities for trustee participation both at the national and

local level. He indicated that more trustees might take part in library activities if encouraged, and that a need exists for better contact with individual trustees in Indiana.

Need to Keep Informed

With this in mind, Mr. Benson offered the following resolution which was approved by the Association: "Whereas, In the proceedings of the Trustees Division of the A.L.A. at the annual conference at Atlantic City in June, great stress was placed on the need for circularizing individual trustees, informing them of activities and problems on all levels—local, state and national—as fully as possible, and for giving trustees the opportunity to get together freely to discuss their problems; and Whereas, the Indiana Library Trustees Association is desirous of increasing interest and activity among trustees of this state; now, therefore, Be it resolved that the Indiana Library Trustees Association endeavor to make greater use of the list of trustees of the tax supported free libraries of Indiana on file in the Indiana State Library, and to request the State Library to keep the list up-to-date."

Following Mr. Benson's report, the trustee handbook was presented by Margaret Hager, Audrey Benner and Mrs. George W. Blair, members of the Action committee. Approval of the project was unanimous and ways and means of giving the handbook wide distribution were considered. It was suggested that an index be made and that, if possible, the manual be reprinted in more permanent form and perhaps offered for sale.

Trustee Luncheon

Miss Eunice Johns, trustee of the Gary Public Library, was the speaker at the Trust-

tees Association luncheon which followed the business meeting. Miss Johns told of her experiences as an exchange teacher at Epsom, near London, England. She described particularly her visits to British libraries, stressing the similarities and differences between libraries in England and the U. S. Miss Johns was impressed especially, she said, with the cordiality and friendliness with which she was received by the British Library Association and by librarians whom she met during her stay in England.

Juniors Hear Jeannette Nolan

The Junior Members Round Table held a luncheon Friday noon with Mrs. Jeannette Covert Nolan, Indianapolis author, as guest speaker. Mrs. Nolan told about the circumstances surrounding the writing of her book, *Gather Ye Rosebuds*, which she wrote from her own experiences of her girlhood. She spoke of the significance of the light novel as escape reading and deplored the criticism that it is unrealistic. Romance as well as sordidness and depravity in literature, can be realism, Mrs. Nolan believes.

At the business meeting which preceded Mrs. Nolan's talk, Mrs. Edith Ford Biddle, librarian, West Lafayette Public Library, was elected chairman of the group for the coming year and Mrs. Margaret Butz, Indiana State Library, secretary. Margaret Sweeney, Indianapolis Public Library, was chairman this year.

Special Libraries Luncheon

A third luncheon on Friday was that of the Special Libraries group with Judith Soltenberger, president of the Indiana chapter, Special Libraries Association, presiding. Ray-

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mond E. Hartstein, field representative for General Motors Corporation in Indiana and Illinois, talked on the managerial organization of General Motors and its policy of decentralization of authority. He described his work in the General Motors program of developing effective personnel relations within its plants.

Round Tables

Six round table meetings were held on Friday and Saturday mornings.

At the County Libraries Round Table on Friday at which Edna Holden, Logansport Public Library, presided, Ida Cahill, librarian, Fowler-Benton County Library, described the Benton County library federation, whose purpose is to provide planned county library service. Monthly meetings are held when problems of legislation, salaries, retirement, etc., are discussed by librarians and community leaders.

Speaking on the same program, Margaret Hager, librarian, LaPorte Public Library, discussing the topic, "A County Library Serves," emphasized the importance of good books, a good bookmobile, and a good librarian as prerequisites for valuable county service. Elsa Strassweg, librarian, New Albany, told of Floyd County's campaign for a county library and the assistance rendered by local organizations.

Esther Burrin, state director of school library service, presented the standards for library service to rural schools, pointing out that it is Indiana's goal to have a teacher-librarian in every small school and a trained librarian in each large one. Mrs. Russell Cushman, state chairman, social and educational department of the Indiana Farm Bu-

reau, discussed the Farm Bureau's program for the promotion of rural library service.

Special Libraries

John H. Moriarty, director of libraries, Purdue University, presided at the Special Libraries Round Table also held on Friday and reported briefly on the S.L.A. national conference held in Washington in June. Patricia Illingworth, librarian, Miles Laboratory, Elkhart, described the library there and the services it extends to the laboratory staff and to the members of the county medical society. Bernice I. Bruner, Vanderburgh County librarian, spoke of her experiences in serving hospitals, and county institutions in her area, illustrating her talk with incidents both satisfying and unpleasant which occurred in her work.

The guest speaker, John D. Phelan, assistant vice-president, American States Insurance Company in Indianapolis, outlined the history and development of insurance to the complex business it is today. He mentioned some ways in which a library can serve an insurance company by placing particular emphasis on subject fields related to insurance.

Large Libraries

The use of audio-visual material was the program topic at the Large Libraries Round Table Friday with Rex Potterf, librarian Fort Wayne Public Library, presiding. Pauline French, director of adult education at the Indianapolis Public Library, described that library's program of film forums which is being inaugurated in the city's branch libraries this year. Local community film councils were recommended by Doris Lynn,

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consultant in visual education for the Indianapolis Public Schools, as the most satisfactory means of coordinating the distribution of films and information about sources of films.

Films and Records Discussed

Louise Keller, Gary Public Library, discussed Gary's film lending project which had a very modest beginning with a collection of free films obtained from the U. S. government. Microphotography of newspapers and periodicals was discussed by Dan Williams, head librarian, Muncie Public Library. Mr. Williams stressed the importance of preservation of historical materials and suggested a cooperative plan whereby periodicals most frequently used by libraries might be filmed and used jointly by a group of libraries. Features of Fort Wayne's record library as described by Robert H. Vegler, Fort Wayne Public Library, are the availability of the library's 1600 albums and 2700 single records both for reference and circulation to borrowers paying a \$5 deposit fee, and a lending service to community organizations.

College and University Libraries

Wilma Ponder, librarian, Anderson College, presided at the College and University Libraries Round Table Saturday morning. Margaret Rufsvold, assistant professor, Library Science, Indiana University, reported on the University's library training curriculum and the successful placement of this year's graduating class. The remainder of the program was devoted to general discussion. Regarding obscene and subversive literature, it was pointed out that the librarian

should himself understand clearly what is obscene or subversive.

Teaching Function of Library

In connection with the consideration of the teaching function of the library, cooperation with faculty was stressed and the policy of some colleges in which the librarian gives suggestions on bibliographical material in various fields was mentioned. The function of the librarian as a scholar was examined and the problem of the need for acquaintance on the part of the librarian with the subject matter of various fields of knowledge, particularly technical and scientific, was discussed.

The group expressed gratification with the appointment of N. O. Rush as executive secretary of Association of College and Reference Libraries at A.L.A. Headquarters.

Rev. C. J. Schuerman of St. Joseph's College was elected chairman and James A. Richards of Earlham College secretary for 1949.

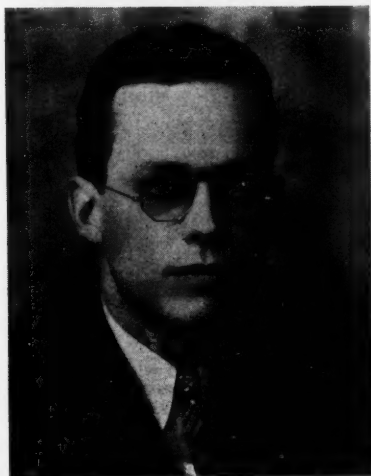
Small Libraries Round Table

Library resources was the topic of the Small Libraries Round Table program on Saturday. Mrs. Anna Metzger, librarian, South Whitley, discussed some of the resources which the library should develop.

Ways in which resources can be increased through publicity and promotion were discussed by Mrs. Alma Zanger, librarian, Winamac.

Harold F. Brigham, director, Indiana State Library, spoke to the group about the Library Law of 1947.

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A photograph of Margaret Hager, Vice President, was not obtainable.

SERVICE TO GENEALOGISTS

By MARGARETE NESS BUTZ, Genealogy Division, State Library

Genealogy is a fascinating study whether it is approached from a personal need to trace a certain family or a more general interest in a study of history through the lives of individuals. As Emerson tells us, "There is properly no history, only biography; for history is the written account of man's activities." Research in genealogy increases one's grasp of historical events and deepens one's understanding of humanity.

Although genealogical work has been an activity of the Indiana State Library almost since its organization, it was not until the library was moved from the State House to its new quarters in the Indiana State Library and Historical Building that a separate section was inaugurated to be devoted exclusively to this kind of work and to be housed in a separate room planned for this particular purpose.

Division Opened in 1934

The Genealogy Division was opened to the public on March 1, 1934 under the direction of Anna Poucher and is one of the most modern and complete of its kind in the country. Miss Poucher was head of the Division from 1933 until her retirement in February, 1947 when Mrs. Margarete Ness Butz succeeded her. While many libraries in Indiana have collections of genealogical material and are doing splendid work, they lean heavily on this department and every effort is made to strengthen this bond with Hoosier libraries.

The primary purpose of the Genealogy

Division is to collect and to preserve such records as will aid Indiana residents in their efforts to establish family connections. It is exclusively a reference library in which no books circulate. This policy has been adopted in order that the materials will always be available to patrons who may come from some distance to use the library. Moreover, many of the books and records in the genealogy collection are of such value and rarity that their circulation would be inadvisable.

Information Given by Mail

During the past year in addition to its work for Hoosiers, the Division served through its correspondence, 345 localities in 45 states and three foreign countries, while 172 localities in 33 states were represented in the daily register of the 2285 room patrons. Correspondence is necessarily limited largely to requests for specific information. The visitor to the library has the greater advantage, for he has material at hand and can do much to help himself.

The Division does not do research for patrons or compile genealogies. The actual examination of the records and taking of notes must be done by the patron. Every effort, however, is made to assist individuals in using the books in the library and to direct inquirers to additional sources of information.

At present the genealogy collection numbers 7245 volumes, 1267 cataloged pamphlets and 643 uncataloged pamphlets, plus

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much miscellaneous material. The collection includes family histories in book, pamphlet, manuscript and chart form; local histories and special records of many states, especially those in the East and South; vital records, such as birth, marriage, death and cemetery data; probate records; census records; war and pension statistics. There are also state historical society publications, patriotic society yearbooks, books on heraldry, genealogical and historical periodicals, indexes and guides.

Census Records Useful

Census records are an important asset to the genealogist. Among the U. S. census reports in the State Library are all available federal census records for 1790, giving names of heads of families.

Indiana census records consist of photostat copies of the 1820 and 1830 U. S. census for Indiana. These are fully indexed so that it is possible to locate any head of a family by county in Indiana during these periods. Mortality records for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 are also housed in the Genealogy Division. These give names of persons who died prior to June 30 of each census year and are therefore not listed in the census returns.

Microfilm Features Collection

A feature of the genealogy collection is the microfilm material. One valuable item on microfilm is the 1850 U. S. census of Indiana, the first census to list names of all members of a family, their ages and places of birth. The 1880 Indiana census, also on microfilm, in addition to information given in the 1850 volume, indicates the relation-

ships of all members of a household and place of birth of parents. Other microfilms in the Division are: 115 rolls of a few early county records, wills, marriages, deeds and court records; family histories, and a few Quaker records of Wayne county.

Indiana chapters of Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution have recently contributed toward the purchase of a new Recordak reading machine. This will greatly facilitate the use of microfilms.

Cemetery Records Available

The Indiana Historical Society, through its Pioneers Committee, under the chairmanship of Harry O. Garman, has placed in the files several hundred cemetery records from Indiana counties. Although the records do not cover all the 92 counties, they are of great help. Contributions of this sort are gratefully appreciated by the State Library and its patrons.

State War Rosters

War records form another large and important feature of the collection. Revolutionary War rosters of various states comprise the bulk of this material. The U. S. pension records of the Revolutionary War, published in 1835, have been indexed by name and county for all of the states.

An especially useful item is a volume on the Revolutionary soldiers buried in Indiana published by the D.A.R. This was compiled by Mrs. Roscoe O'Byrne of Brookville, present president-general of the national D.A.R. Similar Revolutionary war records have been assembled for a few other states. A photo-

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stat roster of the men in Indiana enrolled in the militia during the War of 1812 serves as a record for that war.

Cooperation of Patriotic Societies

The Genealogy Division has always been proud of its close relationship with the patriotic organizations in the state. The Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendents has placed its entire genealogical collection in the library. The Colonial Dames of America, Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and the Society of Indiana Pioneers have made individual gifts and some are contributing memorial volumes in honor of deceased members.

D.A.R. Presents Chapter Records

Indiana chapters of the D.A.R. always place in the State Library one copy of all genealogical records compiled by the chapter. In some instances card indexes of members of certain patriotic societies and their ancestors have been made.

More and more people are beginning to realize the value of genealogical study. Reasons for this type of research are numerous. For example, one may wish to establish membership in an historical or patriotic society, to verify family relationship for legal purposes, or to obtain historical data for college or high school assignments. Many masters theses have as a nucleus a family history showing the migration of population. Religious reasons also lead many people to a study of their family history. The Quakers find Hinshaw's *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy* very valuable.

Ancestor Study a Hobby

A study of one's ancestors often provides a worthwhile hobby. Not all of us can claim Revolutionary ancestry, or a certain coat-of-arms, but we can have family pride. As Daniel Webster once said, "Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world."

Time, patience and an inquiring mind are the first requisites of the worker who has the urge to trace his family. It may take weeks or months and even years to complete a line. Some preliminary work should be done before the library research is begun. A lineage chart, beginning with one's immediate family, then branching out to show grandparents, great grandparents, etc., and noting dates and places of births, marriages and deaths, will enable the librarian to determine the point at which to begin the research and the most likely place to find desired data. The dates for this chart can be obtained from family Bibles, living relatives, court house records and cemetery inscriptions.

Library Study Adds to Family Data

When this personal information is as complete as possible, research in library materials is the next step. The Genealogy Division maintains a card catalog giving names of families and places. This will often give clues to one's own ancestors.

State Library Prepares Booklet

A booklet has been prepared by the State Library which more fully outlines the procedure for ancestry search. It was distributed at the annual Genealogy Conference held December 11 at the Indiana State Library.

NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR LIBRARIANS

Working with a Legislature, by Beatrice S. Rossell, published in November by the American Library Association, is a particularly timely pamphlet for Indiana librarians and library trustees in this legislative year. The pamphlet tells how to go about securing passage of a good bill, what to do, and what not to do in planning and carrying out a campaign. Mrs. Rossell has written from her personal experience in connection with library legislation in Illinois and has also drawn upon the experience of library administrators in other states. The price of the pamphlet is \$1.90.

Teen Age Pamphlet

Another new A.L.A. pamphlet is *The Public Library Plans for the Teen Age* (\$1.75), number 7 in the Planning for Libraries series. It was prepared by the Committee on Post-War Planning of the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

New Filmstrip

The A.L.A. has recently released a 77-frame filmstrip, *Use your Library* by E. Ben Evans (\$5). It is aimed at junior and senior high school pupils, and shows how to find books, brief facts, magazine articles and pamphlets. *New Chapters*, a 14-minute 16-mm. sound film in color, is being distributed by the A.L.A. in arrangement with the producer, National Film Board of Canada. The film demonstrates the many potential services of the public library. It is priced at \$115 each print, prepaid, with a 10% discount to libraries and schools.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

DePauw University has announced a Margaret Gilmore Scholarship for Study in Library Science, established in accordance with the terms of the will of the late Margaret Gilmore who was for twenty-five years assistant librarian at DePauw. The scholarship, in the amount of \$400, will be available for use during the school year of 1949-50 to a young woman graduate who wishes to prepare for professional librarianship. Thereafter the scholarship will be available in alternating years. Each recipient will be chosen on the basis of personality, character and scholastic ability. Freedom will be granted in the choice of library school in which to study. Requests for further information and applications should be addressed to the President, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

EMPLOYMENT REGISTER

The American Library Association, following the suspension of its Placement Office, has inaugurated an Employment Register on an experimental basis. Lists of A.L.A. members interested in finding positions have been compiled and are available upon request to employers who are A.L.A. members or whose libraries are institutional members. Four lists have been issued, based upon the following ranges of annual salary expected by the librarians listed: (1) below \$3000; (2) \$3000 to \$3500; (3) \$3600 to \$4000; (4) above \$4000. A statement of policy and procedure regarding the Employment Register was published in the September 1, 1948 issue of the *A.L.A. Bulletin*.



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In recognition of her valuable and constructive work on behalf of libraries in organizing trustee cooperation and in promoting local, county, state and federal support, both legislative and financial, for the improvement and extension of library service in Indiana.

MANUAL COMPILED FOR TRUSTEES

A handbook, *Indiana Library Trustee's Own Manual*, has been published by the Joint Committee on Library Action of the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association and distributed to library boards throughout the state. Its preparation has been largely the work of the two trustee members of the committee, Mrs. George W. Blair, Mishawaka, and Audrey C. Benner, Elkhart.

The manual contains practical information and suggestions for the guidance of trustees in the performance of their duties. It consists of three sections, the first of which outlines six cardinal points, or questions, about which a good trustee should be informed. Section two is a rating by which the trustee can evaluate himself in terms of his knowledge and understanding of library adminis-

tration and the responsibilities of his position.

Aids or helps for further guidance comprising section three include specimen by-laws for individual libraries, a list of materials obtainable from the librarian, and a bookshelf of books and magazines pertaining to public library administration. The I.L.T.A. constitution and by-laws is added as an appendix.

This 25-page mimeographed booklet written by trustees for trustees is a significant contribution to the cause of library development in Indiana. It represents considerable sacrifice on the part of those trustees who gave so generously of their time and whose enthusiasm and vision carried the project to a successful conclusion.

SIX CARDINAL POINTS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF TRUSTEES

- I What constitutes a good library?
 - a. Good building
 - b. Good staff
 - c. Good book collection
 - d. Good service
 - e. Adequate support
- II What are my responsibilities and duties as a trustee?
- III What is the relation between librarian and board?
- IV What are the duties and responsibilities of the librarian?
- V Are associations and conferences important?
- VI What services does the State Library offer?

These questions are answered in the *Indiana Library Trustee's Own Manual*, compiled by the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Joint Committee on Library Action and published with the cooperation of the Indiana State Library. Copies are to be placed in the hands of every Indiana Library trustee.

NEWS NOTES FROM INDIANA LIBRARIES

Prepared by the Extension Division, Indiana State Library

A few interested citizens of *Elkhart* gave the money for the purchase of a new bookmobile. Good service will be supplemented by the bookmobile service to the residential districts and to factories in York and Middlebury Townships. MARGARET HELFRICK will be the bookmobile librarian. Librarians and trustees from St. Joseph, Marshall, and Elkhart counties recently met at the Elkhart Public Library to discuss a plan for inter-library cooperation. HARRIET CARTER, librarian of the Elkhart Public Library led the discussions.

The *Portland-Jay County* Library is well on its way to give excellent service to all the people in the county. SYLVIA TAYLOR, whose home is in Jacksonville, Illinois, is the new librarian. Her A.B. and B.L.S. degrees were received from the University of Illinois. SHARON L. FINCH, who has an A.B. degree from DePauw University, and A.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and a few years of teaching, will be the bookmobile librarian. Part of his teaching has been in Jay County and as a recent board member he helped organize the county library. Mr. Finch expects to take library training. A new Vanette bookmobile is expected to go out in the county sometime this month.

MRS. KATHERINE SHOPE, who attended the summer library course at Indiana University last summer, succeeds MRS. ELEANOR CARTER as librarian at the *Flora* Public Library.

The reference staff of the *Gary* Public

Library has a new assistant, ROBERT R. TWEEDELE of Crown Point. He is a graduate of Wabash College and has his Master of Science degree in education at Illinois University.

OSCAR C. EVERHART has been appointed librarian of the *Jeffersonville* Public Library. Mr. Everhart who has just completed work in library science at Indiana University is a native of Mokena, Illinois. For several years, he was with the A. C. McClurg, Inc., Chicago. He attended the University of Maryland and graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, California. MRS. S. D. BRICKER, former librarian, will continue on the staff as first assistant.

Three Wayne County communities for three decades had good reading guidance from NELLIE L. JONES, who recently retired as head of the *Cambridge City* Public Library. Relieved of her pressing library duties, Miss Jones expects to rest and recuperate from a hip injury due to a fall which happened last February. Miss Jones was graduated from the Chautauqua Library School in New York. MRS. CHARLES NORRIS has been appointed librarian.

MRS. RUTH LANGE, a graduate of Michigan Western State College is on the *Seymour* Public Library staff as assistant in children's work. The new cataloger at the *Valparaiso* University Library is VERA R. BUSHING. She is a graduate of the University and she received her B.L.S. degree in 1947 from the University of Chicago. The enrollment of the Valparaiso University has

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increased tremendously. They have 40 student assistants and a new assistant librarian, CARL H. SACHTLE. He received his A.B. degree at the University and was a captain in the U. S. Army Transportation Corps 1941-46. He is working on his masters degree in library science at the University of Chicago.

KATHLEEN LAUGHLIN, the assistant in the business and technical branch of the public library at *South Bend*, has resigned to accept a position as librarian for the Bureau of Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan. MARTHA SAMUELS has been appointed librarian of the *Greensburg* Public Library replacing ROSE RANKIN. Miss Samuels is a graduate of the art course at John Herron Art Institute. She has taken the summer course given at the State Library and recently she has completed the 18 hours of library science given at Indiana University.

SARAH GEIST, librarian at *Earlham* College for several years, is now working on her masters degree at the University of Michigan Library School. The new librarian is JAMES RICHARDS, who has his masters degree from Columbia University. RUTH SIMMERINK, who has her degree from the Wisconsin Library School, is assistant librarian. Last year she was an assistant at Ball State Teachers College library.

The *New Castle-Henry County* Public Library has welcomed MARGARET ORR, a 1948 library school graduate as its new book-mobile librarian. She came to Indiana August 1. SUSANNA BAILOR, librarian of the *New Castle-Henry County* Library was married the 19th of September at Kokomo to Elmo Wood, a resident of New Castle.

No library levy was made last year for the *Charlestown Township* Public Library. Therefore, that library will not be listed in the annual or the statistical report. After the death of MRS. JOSEPH WALLING, librarian of the *Penn Township* Library, the books were divided and some were given to the schools as a nucleus for a school library. The others will be kept for the *Pennville Branch* Library of the *Portland-Jay County* Library. The township did not make a library levy this year and it will become a part of the *Portland-Jay County* Library.

The citizens of *Marion Township, Owen County*, were taxed with other townships for service from the public library located at Spencer. For some reason, a few years ago the advisory board decided not to make the township rate and the residents of *Marion Township* have not had free library service. This year the advisory board made a levy and the people of the township will have books.

The new librarian at *Covington* Public Library is MRS. G. G. FENTERS. She will take the library course at Indiana University next summer.

There have been a few changes in staff at the *Indianapolis* Public Library. HELEN BECKER resigned August 18 to go overseas as librarian in Germany with the army of occupation. CARSON W. BENNETT resigned to accept the appointment as head of circulation at Auburn Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama. MRS. FLORENCE SCHAD, formerly librarian at the *Manual Training High School* Library, is now head of the *Teacher's Special Library*. New appointments as substitute junior librarians are MRS.

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BARBARA KLEINDORFER and MRS. ELIZABETH C. NOLAN. MARGUERITE BRADISON has been appointed as senior librarian.

Libraries are constantly receiving gifts. A large per cent of such are books that they do not need. However, Snow's *History of Adams County* was recently given to the Geneva Public Library by Mrs. Clara Anderson. We feel it worth the telling of this gift to encourage libraries to collect as much state and local history as possible, especially through gifts.

WALTER LANGE has been appointed assistant in charge of acquisitions at the Indiana State Library. Mr. Lange had been assistant in the Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society since last February. CAROLYN MORGENSTERN retired from the Indiana State Library on November 1. She had been a member of the staff of the Public Library Commission and continued to serve the State Library after it was joined with the Commission. NELLIE M. COATS, head, Catalog Division at the State Library, was elected an honorary fellow of the Indiana Academy of Science by the Academy in November.

MRS. ELEANOR JOHNSON CARMICHAEL, physics librarian, *Purdue University*, is the joint author with Dr. K. Lark-Horovitz, also of the Purdue University faculty, of a pamphlet, *A Chronology of Scientific Development, 1848-1948*. The booklet was compiled for the centennial celebration of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The librarian at the Francesville Public Library, HILDA FENSTERMAKER, was mar-

ried in September to Henry Onken of Francesville.

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Many good reports of summer vacation reading and other special services of many libraries have come to us. It is impossible to give details and results of the work. We would like to do so because some excellent work has been done. The reports that come to the Extension Division through the clipping service and by letter will be filed and are available to anyone who wishes new suggestions.

Many libraries are sponsoring Great Books projects. Information about such programs may be obtained from the Great Books Foundation, Post Office Box NN, Chicago 90, Illinois.

May we suggest that changes in staff and board members, especially officers of the board, and important items about your library building and library service be given special newspaper publicity. Newspapers should learn to expect news of your library. The people of your community should know of the available library service. The Extension Division subscribes to the Central Press clipping service which checks all Indiana newspapers. We depend largely upon information from the clippings we receive for news items from libraries. Special items should always be sent to the Extension Division. We cannot mention all activities, but we try to note all important items and staff changes.

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CURRENT ADDITIONS FOR INDIANA COLLECTION

Some Books and Pamphlets about Indiana or by Hoosier Authors,

Compiled by HAZEL W. HOPPER, Indiana Division, State Library

- BESTOR, ARTHUR E. JR., Editor. *Education and Reform at New Harmony. Correspondence of William Maclure and Marie Duclaux Fretageot, 1820-1833.* 1948 (Indiana Historical Society Publication volume 15, no. 3) The Society, \$1.00. Gratis to members.

This publication, edited by Arthur Bestor, is another contribution to the historical writings about New Harmony. "Maclure was the principal associate of Robert Owen in the social and educational experiment of the middle 1820's, and was himself the prime mover in making the community by the Wabash the greatest center in its day of scientific research and publication in the West." These letters written to Madame Fretageot cover fifteen years and give a complete record of Robert Owen's socialistic experiment and of the scientific and educational program connected with it.

- CASEY, ROBERT JOSEPH and DOUGLAS, W. A. S. *The Midwesterner, the Story of Dwight H. Green.* 1948. 311p. Wilcox & Follett, \$3.00.

This biography of Governor Dwight Green of Illinois tells of the different factors which led toward his election to the governorship. Special emphasis has been given to his part in the trial of gangster Al Capone and to the case against Samuel Insull. Governor Green was born in Ligonier, Indiana, and attended Wabash College.

- DORSEY, FLORENCE. *Road to the Sea: The Story of James B. Eads.* 1947. 340p. Rinehart, \$4.00.

James B. Eads is best known for his engineering feat as builder of the bridge that spans the Mississippi at St. Louis. Less known is the fact that President Lincoln called him to Washing-

ton during the Civil War and under contract Eads accomplished the almost impossible by actually placing in the water a fleet of seven light ironclad gunboats in the space of a hundred days. These gunboats captured Fort Henry a month before the famous engagement between the Monitor and Merrimac. James B. Eads was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

- EHRMANN, BESS V. *Lincoln and His Neighbors.* 1948. 42p. Rockport, Indiana. Democrat Publishing Company, \$1.00.

Mrs. Bess Ehrmann who is well known for her other works on Lincoln, has compiled data about several of the neighbors of the Thomas Lincoln family during the time they lived in Spencer County, Indiana. Mrs. Ehrmann is curator of the Spencer County Historical Society.

- ENNES, HAROLD E. *Broadcast Operators Handbook.* 1947. 265p. Rider, \$3.30.

The first part of the book is intended primarily to be a comprehensive treatise of control room operation for broadcast technicians, to set up a general set of rules to serve as standards of good operation practice. Other subjects treated in the remainder of the book are: operating the master control, operating outside the studio, operating the transmitter, emergency shutdown, control room and studio equipment. The author is staff engineer for Indianapolis Broadcasting, Inc.

- GETMAN, GRACE M. *Lake Shore Reflections.* 1947. 93p. Greenfield, Gobles.

Most of the poems appearing in this little book were written at Secrist Lake, one of the chain of lakes in Kosciusko County. Many of them appeared previously in the *Christian Advocate* and in the *Warsaw Daily Times* which ran a column, "Lake Shore Reflections."

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HAYWARD, ELIZABETH. *John McCoy, His Life and His Diaries*. 1948. 493p. American Historical Co., \$5.00.

"John McCoy, a staunch Baptist, spent a great part of his life forwarding the cause of education, Indian missions, and other progressive movements through his denomination. He was a founder of such institutions as Franklin College, American Indian Mission Association and the Indiana Baptist Convention." The first part of the book is a biography of McCoy and the second part is his own diaries. The book is not only a worthy addition to the history of the Baptist Church in Indiana, but is also good for local and pioneer history. The years covered by the diaries are 1842 through 1858 with several years missing.

JOHNSON, CLARENCE C. *Courting Stick*. 1948. 91p. Christopher, \$2.00.

Courting Stick is the story of the romance between the blond daughter of Mayor Bosseron of Post Vincennes and a dashing young American lieutenant from Kentucky, who was on his way to join Colonel George Rogers Clark in the attack against Henry Hamilton, the British governor. The author lives at Vincennes.

JOHNSON, EDNA and others. *Anthology of Children's Literature*. 2nd ed. 1948. 1114p. Houghton, \$5.50.

This is a revision of the *Anthology of Children's Literature* published in 1935 by Miss Carrie Scott and Miss Johnson, revised to include some of the good work in children's literature which has been published in the past ten years. Several changes have been made in arrangement of the material, and a new section "Folklore that Inspired Good Music" has been added. Miss Scott was for many years Head of the Children's Department of the Indianapolis Public Library, the position which Evelyn Sickles now holds. Miss Johnson was assistant professor of English at Indiana University.

LAUFERTY, LILLIAN. *Baritone*. 1948. 276p. Doubleday, \$3.00.

Here is the story of the struggles of the Italian singer, Anthony Carlos, for recognition and fame with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Through backstage intrigue and ruthlessness he became a success, but tragedy and scandal in his private life almost ruined him. The author, who is Indiana born, has written several best-seller mystery stories.

NOLAN, JEANNETTE COVERT. *This Same Flower*. 1948. 237p. Appleton, \$2.75.

Another novel about the Cameron family whom Mrs. Nolan introduced to her readers in the popular novel, *Gather Ye Rosebuds*. In 1910 Sidney Cameron went to the city from her home in a small Indiana town, and there she became identified with the then current woman suffrage movement. This meant meetings, speeches, and demonstrations. The author has written a very delightful love story of the period of the suffragettes and linen dusters.

PEMBERTON, LOIS. *The Stork Didn't Bring You*. 1948. 213p. Hermitage, \$2.75.

This book presents the facts of life for teenagers in a language and style they can readily understand. The author was born at Bloomington.

RIKER, BEN. *Pony Wagon Town: Along U. S. 1890*. 1948. 312p. Bobbs, \$3.50.

The author's father built carts of all sorts for ponies and light horses at St. Paris, Ohio. *Pony Wagon Town* is the story of the achievements of his father's firm and of the town where he lived, told through personal recollections of the author. It is a nostalgic story of the "easy going" period just prior to the automotive age. Mr. Riker is head of the book department of L. S. Ayres and Company, Indianapolis.

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WEBB, MARION AGNES. *Games for Younger Children*. 1947. 124p. Morrow, \$2.00.

Here are about 150 general games and games for special days for children up through the third grade level. The book has short lists of poems and stories for special days and also suggestions for favors and decorations. It will be an invaluable aid to teachers and to parents who give parties for their children. Miss Webb has been Children's Librarian at the Fort Wayne Public Library for a number of years.

WEST, JESSAMYN. *Mirror for the Sky*. 1948. 155p. Harcourt, \$4.50.

Jessamyn West, the author of the popular book *Friendly Persuasion*, has turned her talents toward writing an opera script based on the life of James Audubon. *Mirror for the Sky* covers Audubon's life from the time he moved West with the purpose of painting every bird in the United States, to the publication of his elephant folio some thirty years later. The author was born in Indiana.

WINTER, GEORGE. *Journals and Indian Paintings of George Winter, 1837-1839*. 1948. 208p. Indiana Historical Society, \$12.50.

George Winter, came to Indiana in 1837 for the purpose of "seeing and learning something of the Indians and to paint them." He established himself at Logansport close to the Miami and Potawatomi tribes where he became acquainted with their manners and customs and won the friendship and confidence of the Indians.

The Indiana Historical Society has published George Winter's journals in a volume beautifully illustrated with reproductions of the artist's paintings, many of which are in color. The book is especially good for general information about the Miami and Potawatomi Indians in Indiana.

SCIENCE ACADEMY PUBLISHES INDEX

The Indiana Academy of Science has published this fall an Index to its *Proceedings*, volume 1-50, 1891-1940. The work was compiled by Prof. Ray C. Friesner, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Butler University, and chairman of the Index committee of the Academy. Other members of the committee include Nellie M. Coats, head, Catalog Department, Indiana State Library; Frank N. Wallace, Indiana State Entomologist, and Paul Weatherwax, Professor of Botany, Indiana University.

Complimentary copies of the Index have been sent to those Indiana libraries that have been keeping files of the *Proceedings*. Other Indiana libraries desiring copies may obtain them free of charge upon request to the Indiana Academy of Science, care of the Indiana State Library. Free copies have also been mailed to institutions and agencies upon the Academy's exchange list. Others may purchase the volume for \$3.

DATES SET FOR A.L.A. REGIONAL

The first Mid-West regional conference in the history of the American Library Association will take place November 9-12, 1949 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Mid-West region includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario. Indiana urges all librarians and library trustees to plan to attend this important event.

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ACCOUNTS, STATE BOARD OF.

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The Examiner, v.7, nos. 7-10, July-October, 1948. 4 nos. Processed.
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AERONAUTICS COMMISSION.

Indiana aero-notes, v. 1, nos. 10-12, August-October, 1948. 3 nos. Processed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Official opinions, nos. 51-62, July 30-October 4, 1948. 13 nos. Processed.

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL, Indianapolis.

*97th annual report, 1946/47. 81p.

CONSERVATION, DEPT. OF.

Outdoor Indiana, v. 15, nos. 4-10, April-October, 1948. 7 nos.

Fish and Game, Division of. Indiana Pittman-Robertson wildlife research report, v. 9, no. 2, July, 1948. 79 [5]p. Processed.

Forestry, Division of. Forestry publication, no. 1, 1948. Jackson State Forest near Brownstown, Indiana. Folder (4p.)

Oil and Gas Division. Oil and gas drilling report, August, September, 1948. 2 nos. Processed.

Public Relations, Division of. [Release] July 15, 22, 29, August 12, 26, September 2, 9, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 1948. 9 nos. Processed.

State Parks, Lands and Waters, Division of. Indiana birds, by Alden H. Hadley. June, 1948. 55p. Price 10c.

..... Parks publication, no. 1, 1948. Brown County State Park. Folder (6p.)

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..... Parks publication, no. 4, 1948. Indiana Dunes State Park. Folder (4p.)

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DENTAL EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF.

Rules and regulations . . . relating to the issuance of secondary county dental licenses. [1948] [1p.] Processed.

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF.

*Election laws of Indiana and 1948 political calendar with instructions to voters and election officers for election November 2, 1948. 1948. 297p.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION.

[Press release] June 16, 1948. [Announcement of merit examinations for farm placement representative and appeals referee] 2p. Processed.

[Press release] September 7, 1948. [Governor's proclamation of "Employ the physically handicapped week"] 2p. Processed.

[Press release] October 12, 1948. Survey made in cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, per cent of change in employment and payrolls . . . in Indiana. 2p. Processed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Cold storage law (Chapter 71, Acts 1911) [1948] 4p.

Cold Storage locker law (Chapter 264, Acts 1943; Approved March 10, 1943) (Amended by Chapter 228, Acts 1947; Approved March 12, 1947) [1948] 8p.

Flour and bread enrichment law (Chapter 264; Acts 1945; Approved March 7, 1945) [1948] 4p.

Flour container law (Chapter 150, Acts

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1945; Approved March 5, 1945) (Amended by Chapter 130, Acts 1947; Approved March 11, 1947) [1948] 1p.

Model bakery law (Chapter 56, Acts 1919) [1948] 5p.

Oleomargarine law (Chapter 194, Acts of 1927; Approved March 10, 1927) [1948] 3p.

Sale of horse meat (Chapter 140, Acts 1943; Approved March 5, 1943) [1948] 2p.

Sanitary food law (Chapter 222, Acts 1943; Approved March 9, 1943) [1948] 5p.

Seizure of adulterated food (Chapter 118, Acts of 1927; Approved March 9, 1927) [1948] 4p.

GOVERNOR.

[Official filings of candidates and parties for general election, 1948] 3p. Processed.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF.

General orders, series 1948-1949, no. 1, August 23, 1948. [1p.]

HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF.

Monthly bulletin, v. 51, nos. 7-9, July-September, 1948. 3 nos.

Regulation HSE 9, Regulating the installation and maintenance of physical connections between public water supply systems and other water supply systems. [1948] 3p.

The Waterspout, issued . . . in cooperation with Indiana section, American Waterworks Association, v. 7, no. 1, September, 1948. 15p. Processed.

Sanitary Engineering, Bureau of. Sewage gas, a publication for sewage treatment plant operators, v. 11, no. 2, Summer, 1948. 25p. Processed.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Detour bulletin, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 1948. 14 nos. Processed.

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HISTORICAL BUREAU.

Indiana history bulletin, v. 25, nos. 7-9, July-September, 1948. 3 nos.

Publications of the Indiana Historical Bureau and of the Indiana Historical Society. Revised from Indiana history bulletin, v. 25, no. 6, June, 1948, p. 111-120.

INDIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

*Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science. Index, v. 1-50, 1891-1940. Compiled by Ray C. Friesner and George H. Smith. 1948. 289p. Free to libraries on distribution and exchange lists. Sale price to others \$3.

INDIANA BOYS' SCHOOL, Plainfield.

*81st annual report, 1946/47. 54p.

Charlton hi lights, v. 3, no. 4, September 10, 1948. 12p. Processed.

Indiana boys' school herald, v. 48, nos. 9, 10, August 14, September 18, 1948. 2 nos.

INDIANA ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

Bulletin, no. 10, June, 1948. A guide for community recreation in Indiana. 16p. Cover-title: It's about time.

News bulletin, nos. 42-44, July-September, 1948. 3 nos. Processed.

Summary of proceedings of the evening session, second Governor's Conference on Recreation . . . Indianapolis, Indiana, January 30, 1948. Sponsored by Advisory Committee on Recreation. [1948] 12p. Processed.

INDIANA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Hoosier horticulture, v. 30, nos. 8, 9, August, September, 1948. 2 nos.

INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CHILDREN'S HOME, Knightstown.

The Home journal, v. 60, nos. 13-16, August 12-October 14, 1948. 4 nos.

INDIANA STATE DAIRY ASSOCIATION.

*58th annual report, 58th annual meeting, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, December 29, 1947. 83p. E. A. Gannon, secretary-treasurer.

INDIANA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

Veterans for jobs, v.[1] 2, 4-8, 15-20, January, February, April-August, 1947, April-September, 1948. 13 nos. Processed.

INDIANA STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND.

Instructions for preparing annual reports to

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the Retirement Fund, 1948/49. 2p. Processed.

LABOR, DIVISION OF.

Instructions for conducting a job safety analysis. [1948] [8p.] Processed.

The process flow chart—an aid to accident prevention. [1948] [4p.] Processed.

Factory Inspection, Bureau of. Safety committee helps. Special industry program.

Limestone industry. Mills [and Quarry] 1st-6th months. [1948] 6 nos. Processed.

MINES AND MINING, BUREAU OF.

Fatalities, July and August, 1948. [5p.] Processed.

MOTOR VEHICLES, BUREAU OF.

Division of Safety Responsibility and Driver Improvement. Bulletin [License applications denied] nos. 16, 18-33, June 15, June 29-October 11, 1948. 17 nos. Processed.

..... Bulletin [List of individuals whose driving privileges have been suspended] nos. 28, 39-56, April 5, June 21-October 17, 1948. 19 nos. Processed.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, DEPARTMENT OF.

Bulletin, no. 173-4. Conservation of soils. Unit 4 of conservation education. 1947. 40p.

Bulletin, no. 192 revised. Preliminary edition of Handbook on teacher education in Indiana. [1948] 74p. Processed. (Revision of bulletins 94 and 148.)

Bulletin, no. 204. Driver instruction. A guide for administrators and teachers. 1948. 34p. Processed.

Daily record of program income and expenditures and lunches served for each calendar month (SLF-13) 1948. [2p.] Processed.

General instructions for completing School lunch program application (SLF-1) [and] School lunch program agreement (SLF-2) 1948. [2p.] Processed.

Instructions for completing school lunch program application (SLF-1) 1948. [3p.] Processed.

Prescribed types of lunches. 1948. [1p.] Processed.

School lunch news letter, jointly issued by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana Department of Public Welfare, and Food Distribution Programs Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture (v. 1 as Call for lunch), v. 3, no. 1, September, 1948. 15 [2]p. Processed.

School lunch program agreement. 1948. 6 [1]p. Processed.

School lunch program application. 1948. 2p. Processed.

PUBLIC WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF.

Private nursing homes in Indiana licensed for one year by the State Department of Public Welfare. List compiled August 2, 1948. [8p.] Processed.

Public welfare in Indiana, v. 58, nos. 6-8, June-August, 1948. 3 nos.

The welfare act of 1936 as amended including acts of 1947. [1948] 81p.

SECURITIES COMMISSION.

Indiana blue sky news, July 1-August 1, 1948. 5p. Processed.

STATE LIBRARY.

*Books. Living memorials. [1948] broadside (20½ x 9 cm.)

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Reference Division. *Resolved: That the United Nations now be revised into a federal world government. A selected list of books, pamphlets and magazine articles, compiled by Eleanor M. Peterson. October, 1948. 10p. Processed.

STATE PENAL AND CORRECTIONAL SURVEY COMMISSION.

Code of criminal procedure. Tentative draft. [1948] 134p.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS — INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF.

General orders, series 1948-49, no. 1, July 25, 1948. Folder (5p.)

College and university publications will be listed in March, 1949 *Library Occurrent*.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE

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SCHOOL LIBRARIES OF TOMORROW

A condensation of an address by C. Irene Hayner, assistant professor, Library Science, University of Minnesota, at the meeting of the northwestern library section, Indiana Teachers Association at Gary, October 21, 1948.

Every program has to have something in it these days on the atomic age. I prefer to think about life and responsibilities in the everyday world in which we live. That is more within our understanding and more within the realm of possibility to do something about.

School Library in the Community

Let's look at school libraries as we find them today. A school library's place within the community of its own school walls corresponds to that of a public library in a city. It is expected to act as a source of information and an aid in every community undertaking. As a public library offers its services to the community's municipal officials, technicians, social workers, recreation leaders, so a school library offers its services to its teachers, administrators, guidance directors, athletic coaches, and club sponsors.

As a public library tries to help adults find their place in the industrial life of the city or improve themselves on the job, or tries to lure them to take a book or magazine home to help them forget the cares of the day, so the school library tries to help boys and girls to discover their vocational assets or to fit themselves into the daily class

schedule. And the school librarian too tries to lure boys and girls into reading as a source of relaxation and pleasure.

In both institutions librarians are endeavoring to stimulate new interests among their patrons. Both believe they have some responsibility to furnish information on affairs of local and world interest. The school and public library have the same aims, use about the same methods and get about the same results. Neither one reaches more than about 50-60% of their community.

Expansion of Services

The time has long since past when we can keep a library within four walls and expect to reach people who need it. If we want either a public or a school library to justify its existence we must get its materials outside into the places where people are and where they can see the value of what we have to offer them. If we are to produce voters and public officials with integrity, understanding, and wisdom, we have to reach more than 50 or 60% of our public with the means of education and training in judgment.

School in Strategic Position

As school librarians we are in a much

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more strategic position to do something about this than are public librarians. We are much closer to our community. We have a homogenous group of patrons all about the same age, interested in about the same things at the same time. We have unlimited opportunities for publicizing our activities, aims and services. We have a corps of student assistants in direct contact with us and with teachers and dozens of other students every single day. In them we have a ready made advertising force at hand continuously. Besides this, we have a school paper always looking for news. And many of us have a faculty bulletin.

Library Reveals Pulse of School

The organization, administration, atmosphere, and service of the school library reveals the pulse of the school community much more often than the public library reveals the pulse of the community outside. It is often an index to the attitudes and intellectual stature of teachers and administrators as well as the attitudes and interests of pupils and a key to weaknesses within its community organization.

Obligation for After School Reading

Not all the obligation or service of a school librarian, however, is to the community within the walls of the school or even within the school system. We share responsibilities with the public library. At four o'clock every afternoon we hand all our pupils over to the public library for help with their home work for the evening. Is this logical or sensible? We've always done it. But aren't we as school librarians sliding out from under some of our responsibilities and at the same time missing some of our

best opportunities? Isn't it possible that if children are going to study in the evenings on assignments set by teachers in school that the best place for them to find the necessary material is in the school library?

Are we being fair when we close our school libraries during vacation periods and expect the public librarians to take over our readers during those periods?

On the other hand, are we completely meeting the reading needs of our young people even during the time they are in school? Do we have enough different books on as many different subjects as we need? Do we have enough hobby books? Do we have as many fine and really beautiful editions as we should to introduce children and young people to the world of books? Do we have quantities of fiction or only those which the teachers need as supplementary classroom reading? If not, don't we need to re-examine our objectives and work with public librarians, so we can perhaps together furnish a complete program of community reading guidance for our young people?

Cooperative Services

Maybe since the funds for both school and public libraries come from the same tax source, we could work out some division of fields to be covered and some separation of services to divide the responsibility and make the money go further. Maybe the public library could specialize in fine editions and picture books, since this type of book is used widely by adults as well as children. Perhaps there are unusual or special books in certain fields which could be purchased and kept in the public library and sent to the school on request.

Joint Book Selection

This would not mean that the school library would have no fine editions, no books on hobbies or vocations, no expensive sets, or no adult fiction, or that the public library would have no reference material for young people. It means simply that the two libraries would work out some *modus operandi* by which they would agree on which kinds of books would be more useful in which library. Sometimes, of course, they would both buy the same books. This would tend to make young people more conscious of the resources of the public library. It would also bring school and public librarians closer together as a working team.

Library Vacation Service

Then if school libraries were open during vacation periods as well as during school time, all the reading resources of the community would be available all the year round and considerable duplication could be avoided.

With such a setup, if we were giving all the reading service possible to children and young people, we would need more libraries and more librarians. We would need a library in every school building with a trained librarian in charge and trained children's and young people's librarians in every public library or branch.

New Concepts of Librarians

Along with other new concepts are coming new concepts of school librarians. They are to be pre-eminently good teachers and potentially good community leaders. They are no longer to be a race apart. Professor

Lowell B. Fisher, Illinois state chairman of the North Central Association, says, "The library is the textbook and the librarians are teachers, guides and psychologists, knowing how to deal with people and to guide in effective reading. Their preparation will include training in the psychology of learning processes, methods of research, and library science."

Pre-professional Education Important

The good librarian must have an adequate pre-professional education—a good liberal education with some possible specialization—for his own future avocation as well as for personal contacts in other than strictly professional groups.

In addition, the good school librarian knows the place of libraries in society; he has a wide acquaintance with books both for general reading and for classroom use; he is acquainted with various methods of reading guidance; he understands the reading interests of children and young people; he is familiar with general library techniques and procedures.

Library a Part of Larger Picture

In the last analysis our professional advancement individually or as a group is limited only by our professional outlook, our initiative and our energy. Let's remember that we are a part of a much larger picture. All educational forces need each other for help and inspiration and common battle. Let's be big enough to join the ranks of all those working for common ends. We have been given wide opportunities. Of him to whom much is given much will be required.

I. S. L. A. ANNOUNCES SECTION OFFICERS

The Indiana School Librarians Association announces the election of school library section officers of the Indiana State Teachers Association for 1948-49. These officers were chosen at the Indiana State Teachers Association Conference in October. They, together with the officers of Indiana School Librarians Association, make up the Executive Council of I.S.L.A.

They are: Central Section, Indianapolis; chairman, Leonard Smith, Jefferson High School, Lafayette; vice chairman, Ruth McLaughlin, Lebanon High School; secretary-treasurer, Mae King, Richmond High School; Northwestern Section, Fort Wayne; chairman, Edith I. Chalfont, Hartford City High School; vice chairman, Marguerite Stultz, Columbia City High School; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Hildreth Sweeney, Garrett High School; North Central Section, South Bend; chairman, Mary Evelyn Guinn, LaPorte High School; vice-chairman, Jean Orcutt, Madison Junior High School, South Bend; secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Reed, Culver High School; Northwestern Section, Gary; president, Mrs. Ruth Hughes Scott, Horace Mann Elementary School, Gary; secretary and president-elect, Anabel Sproat, Edison High School, Hammond; treasurer, Leona Hawver, Hammond High School.

I.S.L.A. committee chairman for 1948-49 include membership, Mary Isabel Wood, Tudor Hall, Indianapolis; recruitment, Leila Doyle, Froebel Junior High School, Gary; publicity, Mrs. Ruth Hughes Scott; research, Edith I. Chalfont; student assistants, Margaret Griffin, Mishawaka High School; schol-

arship and loan, Edna Gillogly, Muessel Junior High School, South Bend.

MRS. NEAVITT SPEAKS AT LUNCHEON

The I.S.L.A. sponsored a luncheon Saturday, October 30, during the I.L.A. Conference with Mrs. Hope Bedford Neavitt, member of the Shortridge High School faculty, Indianapolis, as guest speaker. Her talk, "Eye Witness Account of Bogota," concerned the Inter-American Conference held at Bogota, Colombia, last April and the revolution which took place at the time of the conference.

Mrs. Neavitt attended the opening days of the conference as a guest of the U. S. legation in Bogota and was in the city when riots broke out on the tenth day of the conference. Her impressions of the riots and of the conference sessions were told in graphic and vivid manner. She described the arrival of the delegates from U. S. and from other countries and the procedure followed at the conference hall during the plenary sessions. She was especially impressed by the facility with which speeches were translated simultaneously into Spanish, French, Portuguese or English as the case might be.

The revolution, Mrs. Neavitt stated, is believed to have been Communist inspired. "It could happen here," she asserted, "We should not be smug about American democracy, but should be alert to danger, and should strive always to preserve and strengthen our American way of life."

Margaret Turk, president of I.S.L.A., presided at the luncheon and introduced Mrs. Neavitt.

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